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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL TO NEW ZEALAND

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NOTAL), C) LTR ALTON-FRANCIS 5/13/78

1. THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL PLANS TO VISIT NZ FROM JULY 23-26 ENROUTE HOME FROM A VISIT TO AUSTRALIA AND THAT HE WISHES TO MEET MEMBERS OF THE NZ JUDICIARY AND BAR, POSSIBLY ADDRESSING THEM AT A LUNCHEON OR DINNER. NZ HIGH COMMISSIONER IN CANBERRA, L. J. FRANCIS, HAS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL INCLUDE SOME SOUTH ISLAND TOURING IN HIS ITINERARY. ACCORDING TO REF C, JUDGE BELL PLANS TO ARRIVE WELLINGTON JULY 23 VIA TE-704 AT 1510 HOURS AND DEPART AUCKLAND JULY 26 FOR HONOLULU. (FYI: IF JUDGE BELL VISITS THE SOUTH ISLAND, HE MIGHT CONSIDER FLYING DIRECTLY FROM SYDNEY TO CHRISTCHURCH ON JULY 23: QF57 DEPARTS SYDNEY 0845 HOURS, ARRIVES CHRISTCHURCH 1330 HOURS. THERE ARE NO PANAM FLIGHTS ON JULY 26 FROM AUCKLAND TO HONOLULU. THERE IS, HOW-
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EVER, AN AIR NZ FLIGHT - TE506, DEPARTING AT 1830 HOURS.)

2. AS A RESULT OF NOTIFICATION BY FRANCIS TO THE NZ ATTORNEY GENERAL AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE NZ LAW SOCIETY, THE EMBASSY AND CONGEN AUCKLAND HAVE RECEIVED QUERIES CONCERNING THE SCHEDULING AND PROGRAM FROM MFA AND THE AUCKLAND DISTRICT LAW SOCIETY.

MFA (POWLES) BELIEVES THAT THE GNZ MAY WANT TO HOST THE VISIT AND URGES THAT WE GET AS PRECISE INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S PLANS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF EA/ANP WOULD COMMUNICATE WITH JUDGE BELL'S OFFICE, ESTABLISHING A CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION FOR THESE ARRANGEMENTS AND GETTING AS FIRM AN ITINERARY AS POSSIBLE. EMBASSY WELLINGTON THEN WILL UNDERTAKE TO SERVE AS A CHANNEL FOR ALL ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE GNZ, BAR AND JUDICIARY.

3. DURING THE PERIOD JULY 23-26, AMBASSADOR SELDEN HAS THE FOLLOWING COMMITMENTS WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN PLANNING JUDGE BELL'S PROGRAM:

- A) JULY 24, 1145-1330: JOINT FORMAL OPENING OF AM-TECH '78 TRADE EXHIBIT BY PRIME MINISTER MULDOON AND AMBASSADOR SELDEN;

- B) JULY 25, 1730-2030: AM-TECH RECEPTION HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR SELDEN.

4. IF JUDGE BELL IS INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH A BROADER GROUP OF NEW ZEALANDERS, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE A LUNCHEON SPEECH TO ONE OF THE CHAPTERS OF THE NZ INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN CHRISTCHURCH, WELLINGTON, OR AUCKLAND. A SUBJECT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTEREST TO SUCH GROUPS WOULD BE THE US POLICY REGARDING AN INTERNATIONAL CODE OF BEHAVIOR FOR MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND THE RELATED PROBLEM OF ILLICIT PAYMENTS. HEALY

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